

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 17 July 2002
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Manga, Siren, & Madman (NZ) Ltd
 Title of Publication: Spriggan
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Hirotsugu Kawasaki
 Producers: Ayao Ueda, Kazuhiko Ikeguchi, Kazuya Hamana,
 Haruo Sai, Eiko Tanaka (said to be)
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: Japan
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Deploy Spriggan		
	Mission Detail		
	Logistics		
	Special Ops		
Feature:	Spriggan	Running time:	86.45
Other Moving	Copyright Warning Notice	Running time:	0.06
Components:	Madman Entertainment Notice		0.06
	ADV Films Notice		0.16
	Spriggan Character Designs		2.24
	Spriggan Vehicles & Equipment		2.43
	Spriggan Key Backgrounds		3.23
	Tekken		1.39
	Gasaraki		1.30
	Neon Genesis Evangelion		1.08
	Ninja Ressurrection The Revenge Of Jubei		0.56
	Sin: The Movie		2.08
	Samurai X		1.37
Other			
Components:	ADR Director's Commentary		
		Total Running time:	104.41

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Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 15 July 2002

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *Spriggan* is classified as:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

The DVD mainly contains the feature of the same title, which is a Japanese animation based on a Japanese comic. The Spriggan are an international private army of elite combatants dedicated to defeating evil forces, including corrupt state military men. The main protagonist is Ominae Yu, a 17 year-old Japanese school boy raised as a child soldier. He goes to Mt Ararat to attempt to defeat a group who want to control the world through technology found on Noah's lost Ark. He is joined by other Spriggan. The battle for control comes down to a single struggle for dominance between Yu and Colonel McDougall, a newer child killer who is part computer. The feature is substantially the same as that originally examined as a video recording and classified by the Classification Office (OFLC Ref. 588). The unrestricted classification and rating recommendation as suitable for mature audiences 16 years and over was registered in May 2000. The descriptive note 'Contains violence' was attached to the video recording. This DVD version of the feature is slightly shorter due to the different

medium and the dialogue defaults to English, however Japanese with English subtitles, as appeared on the original version, is also available.

In addition to the feature the DVD contains six trailers previewing other animated features of Japanese origin, a 'director's commentary' and three shorts relating to the feature, and three notices. However these additional components do not affect the classification given to the original feature. The manner in which violence is depicted in the trailers for other animations, including the infliction of serious physical harm, is consistent with the style of violence depicted in the feature, including graphic blood effects. Though this content adds to the extent to which violence is depicted, the fantastic nature of the scenarios and characters mitigates the extent and degree of the violence. The other content relating directly to the feature contributes to understanding the artistic merit of the animation. The director's commentary includes technical matters and the shorts include precise and detailed technical drawings.

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